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In re the patent application of Ford et al.

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Title: Mail Location Apparatus

Group Art Unit 3722 -- Examiner Mackey

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

Cancel claims 1 - 11.

Add new claims 12 - 25, attached.

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REMARKS

This accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. It addresses the office action of December 26, 2002, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 11 as being anticipated by Salomon (US-5640903).

Claims 1 to 11 have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 12 to 25.

New claim 12 defines *inter alia* that the sensor unit includes a face which is inclined to both first and second mutually perpendicular directions such as to be engaged by a corner of a mail item where the mail item is inserted in the first direction, the second direction and any direction intermediate thereto.

Salomon does not disclose or suggest such a sensor unit. In Salomon, the projection (19b) on the arm (19), which is engageable by a mail item (M), does not include a face which is inclined to both first and second mutually perpendicular